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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIS 12-54: Probable Developments in the European
Satellites as they Affect Soviet Capabilities,
through Mid-1956

There were no important differences of opinion concerning the substance of the paper. There was a protracted argument concerning the advisability of adding to the paper statements concerning the reliability of evidence. Such a statement seemed necessary in view of the wide differences in amount and quality of evidence about each Satellite and about certain topics within each Satellite. It was finally agreed to add five footnotes marking places where variations in reliability of evidence were especially significant. Some agencies are still unhappy about this procedure and may move to strike the footnotes at the IAC meeting.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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